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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

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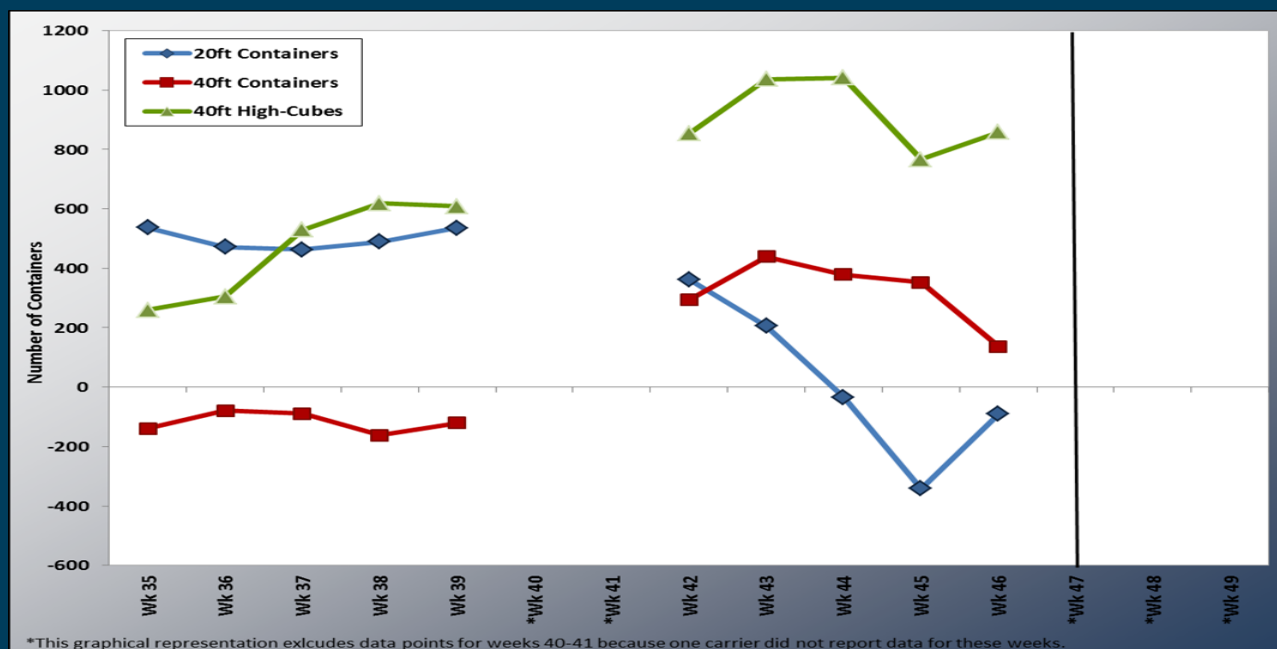
# Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

## Historical Analysis of Minneapolis

The Minneapolis inland port region is an important intermodal hub for containerized grain exporters in the northern tier of the country. However, container availability is a challenge for these exporters because of the low level of import container traffic through the area. Between October and December of 2013, Minneapolis moved just over 35,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products. Grains and grain products, including soybeans, made up nearly 90 percent of the total containerized agricultural products moved through the region. Dairy products comprised about 6 percent followed by sunflower seeds at about 1 percent. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move nearly all of these exports. Minneapolis agricultural exports overwhelmingly use the Pacific Northwest port of Seattle (86 percent) to move their products followed by Tacoma at 8 percent. Agricultural exporters used China Shipping Container Lines to move 42 percent of these products followed by COSCO at 38 percent and Hyundai Merchant Marine at 8 percent. 1

Container availability estimates for 20ft standard and 40ft high-cube containers through Minneapolis have been on a steady rise since early August. Estimates for 20ft standard containers hit a record high during the 3rd week of August while 40ft high-cube containers reached a record 1,041 units just 3 weeks ago. At the end of October, estimates for 40ft standard containers came within 20 units of beating the record reached during the same week last year. However, these estimates have fallen since then, even below 0 for the 3 first 3 weeks in November.2 Strong imports for the peak shopping season continue to build strong container pools even in traditionally deficit locations like Minneapolis; however, on-going congestion at the West Coast ports could impact availability estimates going forward. No projections are provided as only 5 of the 6 carriers have reported data this week..

### Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Minneapolis, 5th week of August (Wk 35) through 4th week of November (Wk 47), with Projections



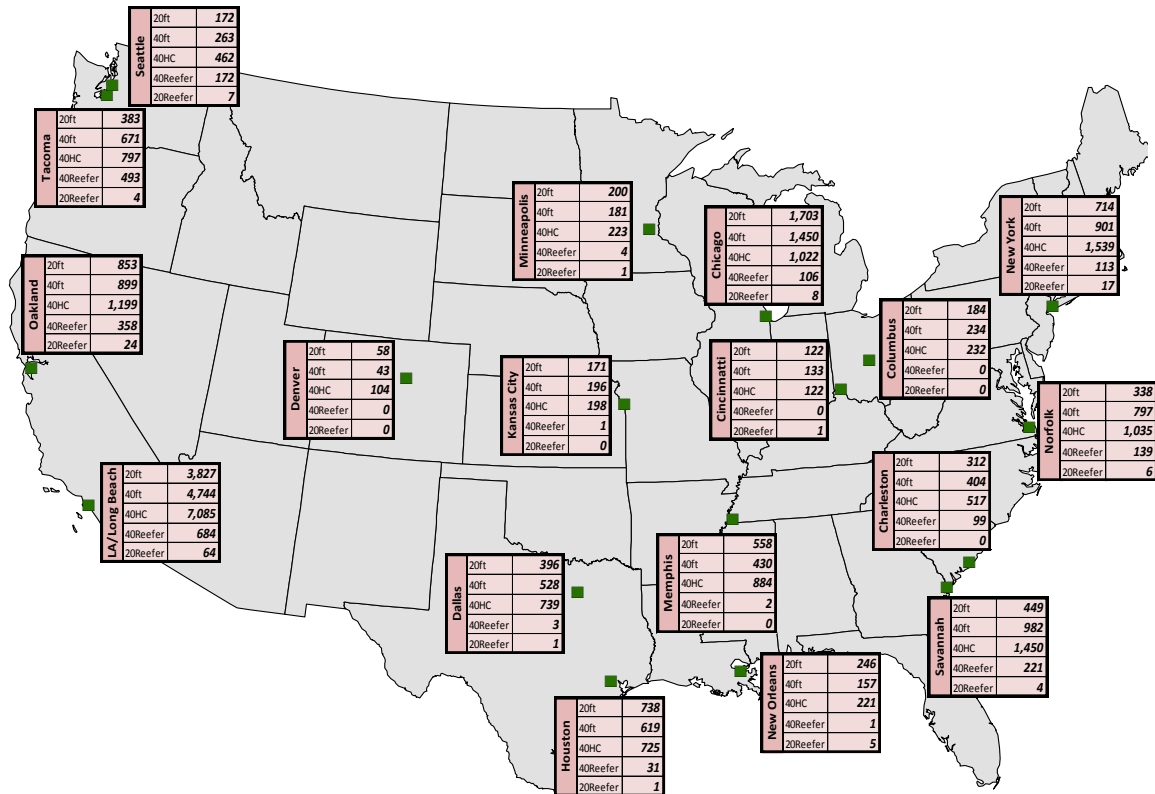
1. Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data.
2. Estimates of zero indicate the demand for containers matches the supply. Estimates that are below zero indicate demand for containers is greater than supply. Estimates above zero indicate the supply of containers is greater than the demand.

# National Overview

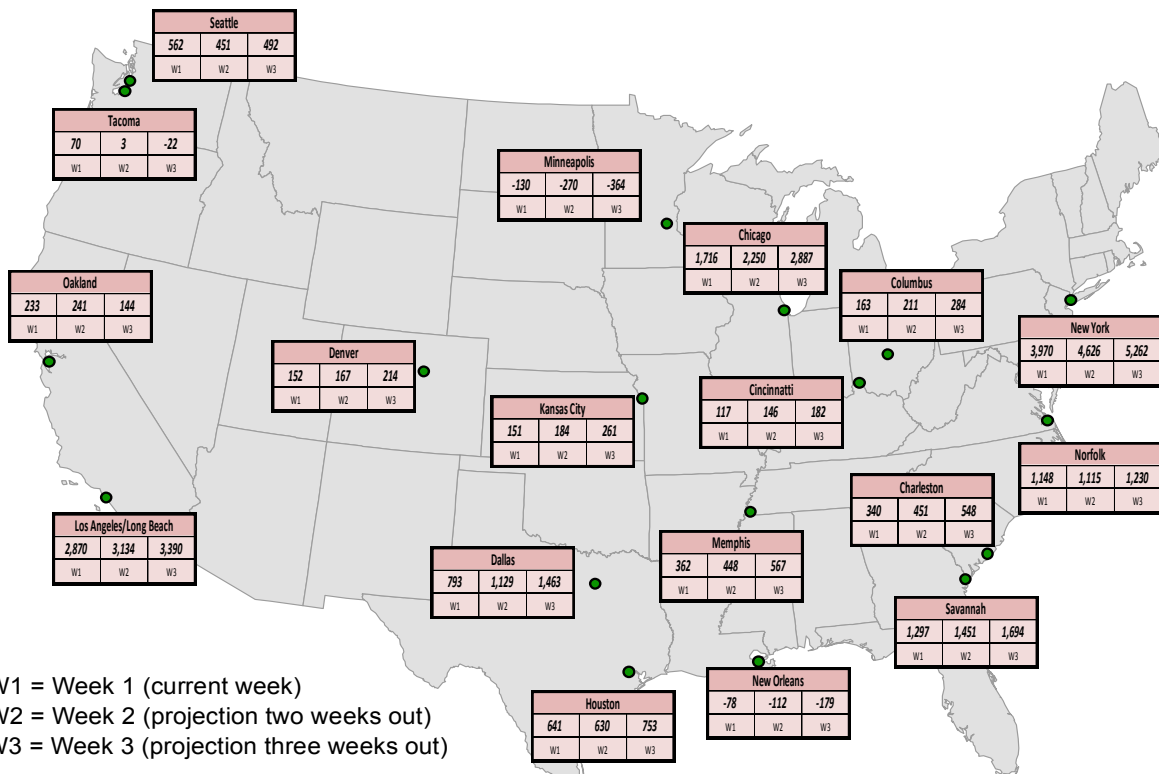
## Week of Nov 19-25, 2014



### Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



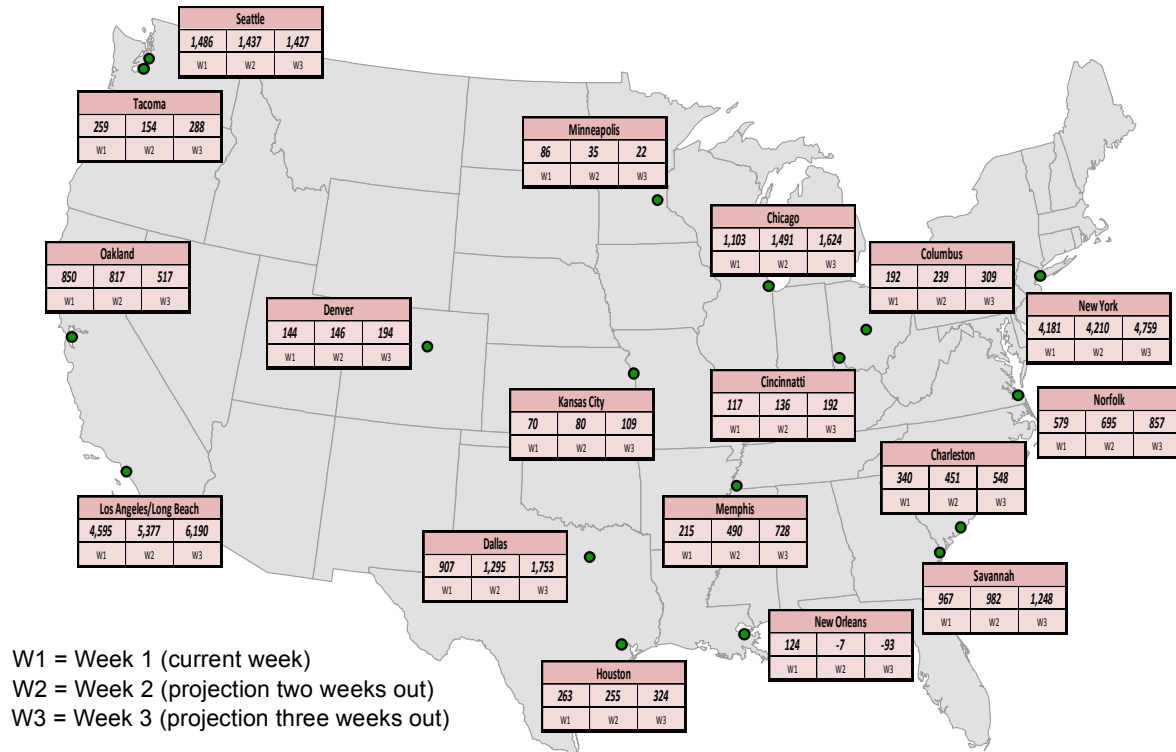
### Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



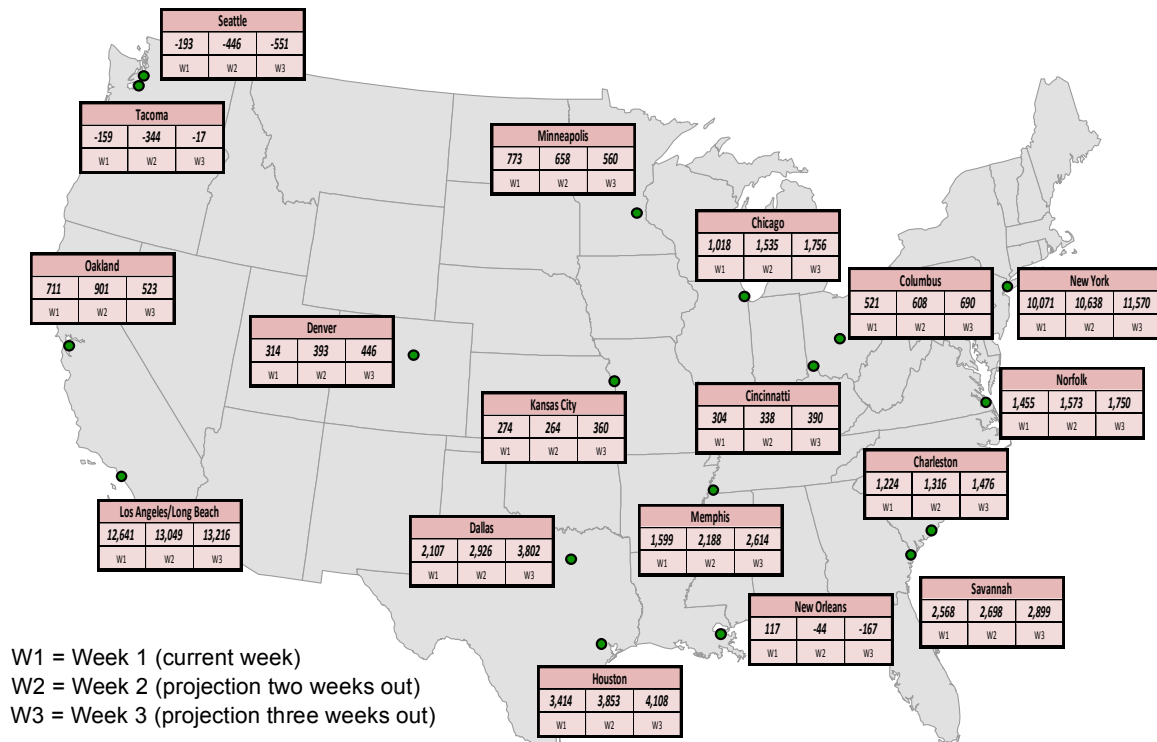
W1 = Week 1 (current week)  
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)  
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



## Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



## Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers



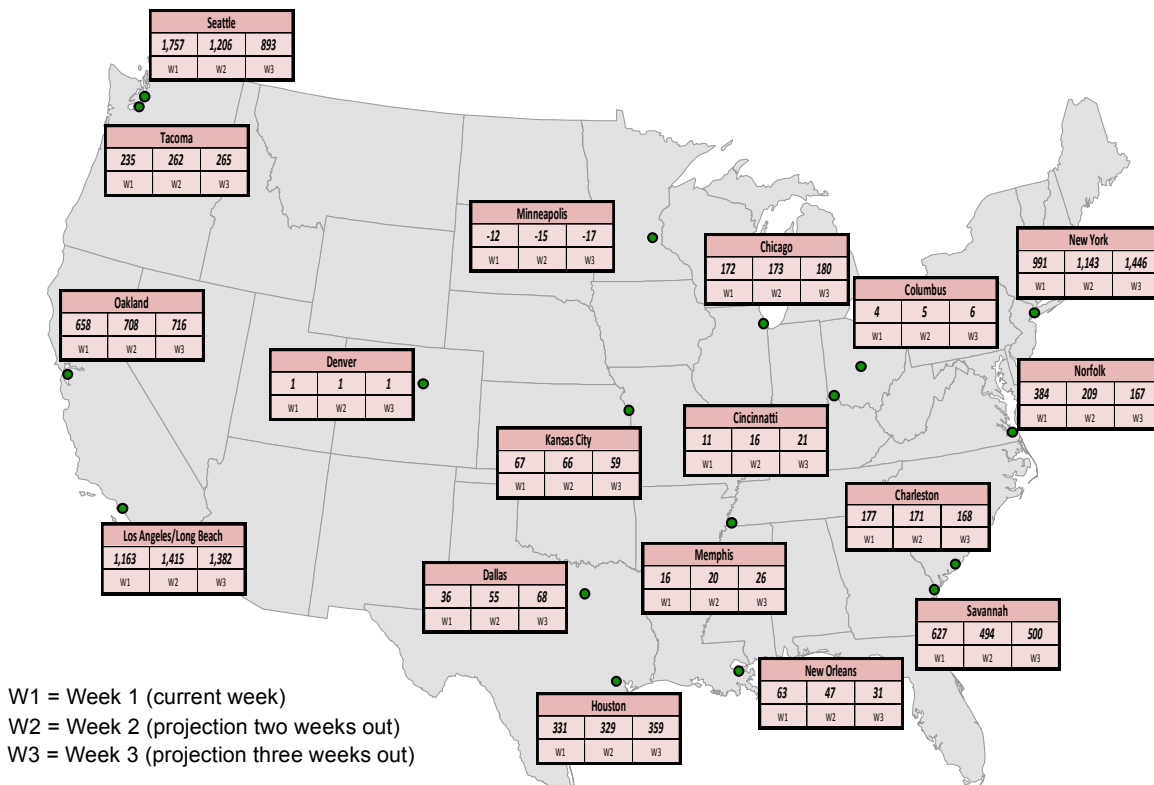


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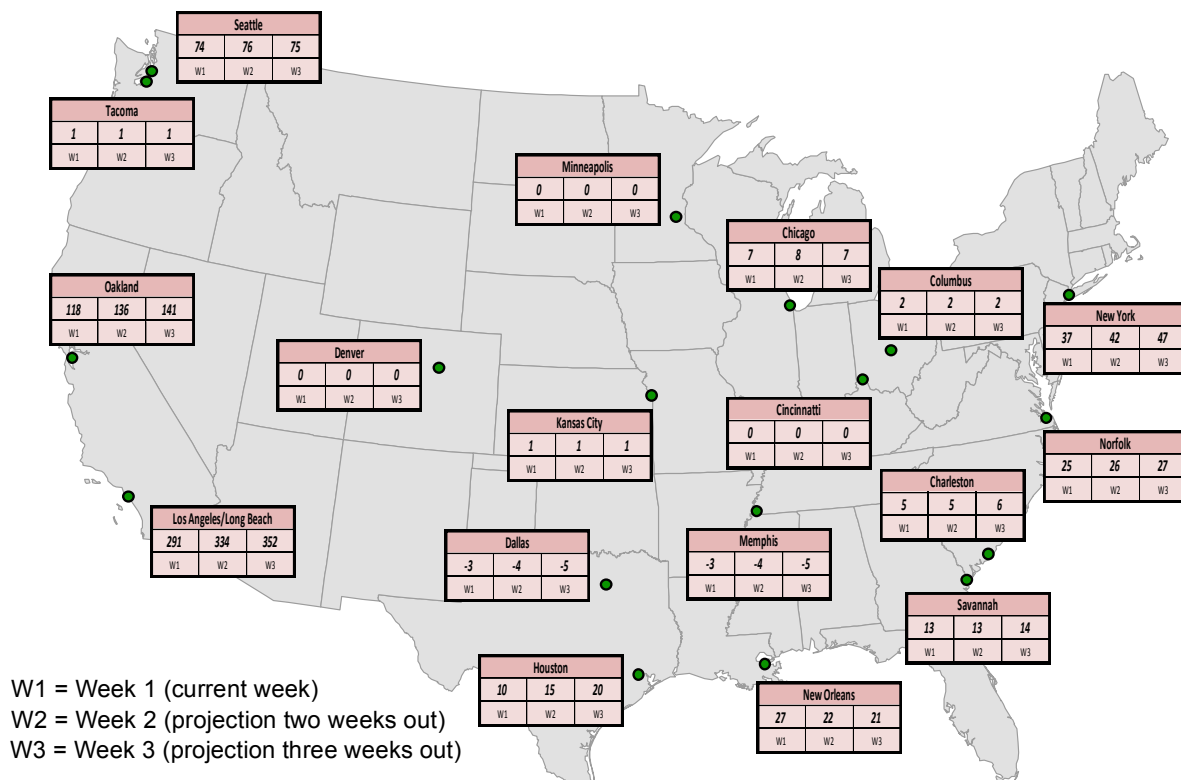
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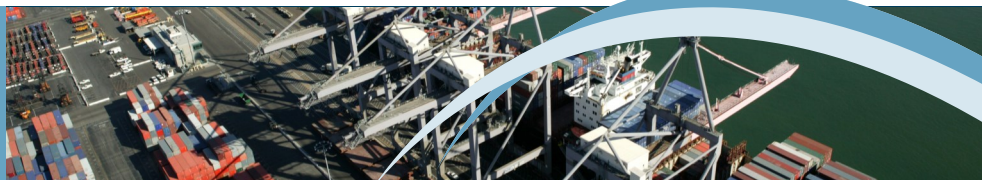


### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



### Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	129	80	73	37	21	.	.	.	.	.	340
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	159	80	117	55	40	.	.	.	.	.	451
Week 3: Dec 3-9	178	80	159	81	50	.	.	.	.	.	548
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	237	171	154	74	62	.	.	.	.	.	698
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	278	210	154	83	40	.	.	.	.	.	765
Week 3: Dec 3-9	323	246	154	82	40	.	.	.	.	.	845
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	534	299	161	153	77	.	.	.	.	.	1,224
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	534	346	157	219	60	.	.	.	.	.	1,316
Week 3: Dec 3-9	534	395	184	283	80	.	.	.	.	.	1,476
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	113	28	18	13	5	.	.	.	.	.	177
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	94	42	20	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	171
Week 3: Dec 3-9	77	56	20	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	168
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	3	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	3	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Dec 3-9	4	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	1,535	224	198	-13	-228	.	.	.	.	.	1,716
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	1,836	402	240	0	-228	.	.	.	.	.	2,250
Week 3: Dec 3-9	2,149	650	316	0	-228	.	.	.	.	.	2,887
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	578	471	133	23	-102	.	.	.	.	.	1,103
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	687	760	146	0	-102	.	.	.	.	.	1,491
Week 3: Dec 3-9	781	810	135	0	-102	.	.	.	.	.	1,624
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	881	681	384	24	-952	.	.	.	.	.	1,018
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	999	1,025	463	0	-952	.	.	.	.	.	1,535
Week 3: Dec 3-9	1,106	1,177	425	0	-952	.	.	.	.	.	1,756
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	134	27	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	172
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	151	10	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	173
Week 3: Dec 3-9	158	10	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	180
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	8	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	7	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Dec 3-9	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	40	39	26	19	-7	.	.	.	.	.	117
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	56	39	36	14	1	.	.	.	.	.	146
Week 3: Dec 3-9	73	39	45	14	11	.	.	.	.	.	182
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	74	27	12	8	-4	.	.	.	.	.	117
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	74	38	25	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	136
Week 3: Dec 3-9	74	60	39	18	1	.	.	.	.	.	192
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	198	48	32	27	-1	.	.	.	.	.	304
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	198	61	33	46	0	.	.	.	.	.	338
Week 3: Dec 3-9	198	75	38	68	11	.	.	.	.	.	390
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Dec 3-9	21	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Dec 3-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	74	38	28	25	-2	.	.	.	.	.	163
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	98	58	26	31	-2	.	.	.	.	.	211
Week 3: Dec 3-9	124	74	26	62	-2	.	.	.	.	.	284
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	99	65	48	-4	-16	.	.	.	.	.	192
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	120	65	58	-4	0	.	.	.	.	.	239
Week 3: Dec 3-9	140	100	73	-4	0	.	.	.	.	.	309
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	262	127	102	54	-24	.	.	.	.	.	521
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	262	152	132	62	0	.	.	.	.	.	608
Week 3: Dec 3-9	262	183	163	82	0	.	.	.	.	.	690
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Dec 3-9	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Dec 3-9	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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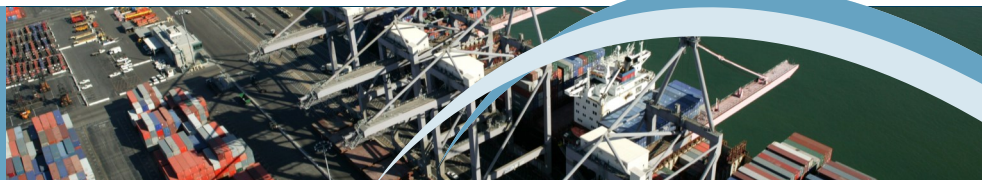


Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	370	195	142	90	-4	.	.	.	.	.	793
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	549	235	245	90	10	.	.	.	.	.	1,129
Week 3: Dec 3-9	732	335	296	90	10	.	.	.	.	.	1,463
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	388	231	150	118	20	.	.	.	.	.	907
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	616	330	150	149	50	.	.	.	.	.	1,295
Week 3: Dec 3-9	853	459	150	241	50	.	.	.	.	.	1,753
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	676	580	518	300	33	.	.	.	.	.	2,107
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	958	580	808	530	50	.	.	.	.	.	2,926
Week 3: Dec 3-9	1,286	580	1,092	794	50	.	.	.	.	.	3,802
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	26	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	45	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	55
Week 3: Dec 3-9	58	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	68
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Dec 3-9	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	62	36	29	29	-4	.	.	.	.	.	152
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	84	36	34	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	167
Week 3: Dec 3-9	112	36	45	21	0	.	.	.	.	.	214
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	65	37	24	18	0	.	.	.	.	.	144
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	86	44	10	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	146
Week 3: Dec 3-9	110	64	10	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	194
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	97	92	73	36	16	.	.	.	.	.	314
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	144	92	94	43	20	.	.	.	.	.	393
Week 3: Dec 3-9	172	92	114	48	20	.	.	.	.	.	446
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Dec 3-9	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Dec 3-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	315	246	111	63	-94	.	.	.	.	.	641
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	315	241	0	102	-28	.	.	.	.	.	630
Week 3: Dec 3-9	315	254	50	105	29	.	.	.	.	.	753
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	251	222	27	9	-246	.	.	.	.	.	263
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	248	222	80	13	-308	.	.	.	.	.	255
Week 3: Dec 3-9	285	222	100	89	-372	.	.	.	.	.	324
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	2,712	543	156	40	-37	.	.	.	.	.	3,414
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	2,712	684	250	82	125	.	.	.	.	.	3,853
Week 3: Dec 3-9	2,712	751	250	123	272	.	.	.	.	.	4,108
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	190	93	46	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	331
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	150	126	51	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	329
Week 3: Dec 3-9	150	151	56	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	359
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	8	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	13	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Dec 3-9	18	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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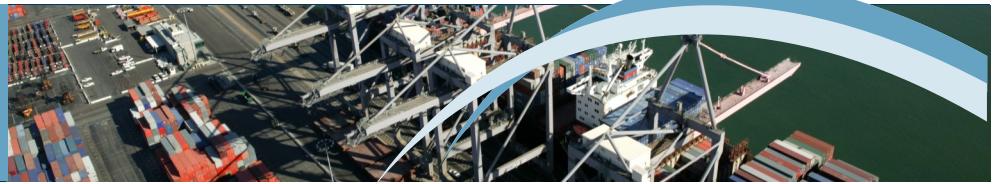


Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	82	38	32	16	-17	.	.	.	.	.	151
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	118	20	32	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	184
Week 3: Dec 3-9	129	85	32	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	261
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	72	24	10	-12	-24	.	.	.	.	.	70
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	81	36	-13	0	-24	.	.	.	.	.	80
Week 3: Dec 3-9	89	40	4	0	-24	.	.	.	.	.	109
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	147	104	31	27	-35	.	.	.	.	.	274
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	162	104	-47	45	0	.	.	.	.	.	264
Week 3: Dec 3-9	178	104	14	64	0	.	.	.	.	.	360
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	59	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	67
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	56	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	66
Week 3: Dec 3-9	47	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	59
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Dec 3-9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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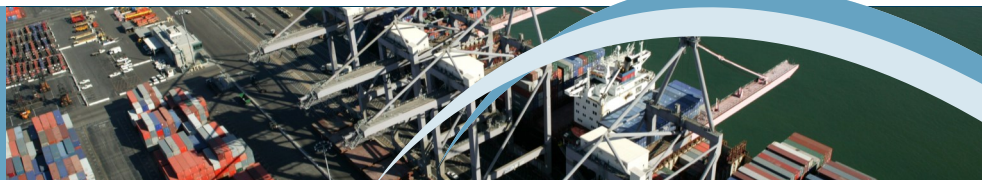


Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	852	733	674	560	51	.	.	.	.	.	2,870
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	700	761	674	655	344	.	.	.	.	.	3,134
Week 3: Dec 3-9	700	732	674	901	383	.	.	.	.	.	3,390
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	1,748	1,256	638	554	399	.	.	.	.	.	4,595
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	1,500	1,739	638	1,036	464	.	.	.	.	.	5,377
Week 3: Dec 3-9	1,500	1,991	638	1,383	678	.	.	.	.	.	6,190
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	5,522	4,004	3,212	37	-134	.	.	.	.	.	12,641
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	5,522	3,000	3,935	677	-85	.	.	.	.	.	13,049
Week 3: Dec 3-9	5,522	3,000	4,307	368	19	.	.	.	.	.	13,216
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	580	280	133	95	75	.	.	.	.	.	1,163
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	640	293	300	107	75	.	.	.	.	.	1,415
Week 3: Dec 3-9	599	294	300	114	75	.	.	.	.	.	1,382
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	201	80	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	291
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	224	100	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	334
Week 3: Dec 3-9	245	97	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	352

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	97	73	71	67	54	.	.	.	.	.	362
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	154	73	105	60	56	.	.	.	.	.	448
Week 3: Dec 3-9	193	73	143	60	98	.	.	.	.	.	567
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	63	63	54	40	-5	.	.	.	.	.	215
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	314	74	54	80	-32	.	.	.	.	.	490
Week 3: Dec 3-9	480	100	54	100	-6	.	.	.	.	.	728
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	1,142	173	133	89	62	.	.	.	.	.	1,599
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	1,142	535	269	80	162	.	.	.	.	.	2,188
Week 3: Dec 3-9	1,142	750	413	100	209	.	.	.	.	.	2,614
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	15	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	18	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 3: Dec 3-9	23	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Dec 3-9	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	126	72	68	-72	-324	.	.	.	.	.	-130
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	70	50	95	-72	-413	.	.	.	.	.	-270
Week 3: Dec 3-9	68	50	87	-72	-497	.	.	.	.	.	-364
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	127	65	14	-54	-66	.	.	.	.	.	86
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	100	61	20	-54	-92	.	.	.	.	.	35
Week 3: Dec 3-9	100	77	16	-54	-117	.	.	.	.	.	22
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	784	103	79	10	-203	.	.	.	.	.	773
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	784	86	50	20	-282	.	.	.	.	.	658
Week 3: Dec 3-9	784	94	30	12	-360	.	.	.	.	.	560
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	0	-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-12
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	0	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-15
Week 3: Dec 3-9	0	-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-17
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Dec 3-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	25	20	14	3	-140	.	.	.	.	.	-78
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	25	2	10	3	-152	.	.	.	.	.	-112
Week 3: Dec 3-9	25	-27	10	3	-190	.	.	.	.	.	-179
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	111	7	6	2	-2	.	.	.	.	.	124
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	101	-33	-77	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	-7
Week 3: Dec 3-9	94	-41	-158	2	10	.	.	.	.	.	-93
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	68	22	22	8	-3	.	.	.	.	.	117
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	68	15	-7	-120	0	.	.	.	.	.	-44
Week 3: Dec 3-9	68	11	-6	-250	10	.	.	.	.	.	-167
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	42	21	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	63
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	32	15	.	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	47
Week 3: Dec 3-9	22	9	.	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	23	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	18	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 3: Dec 3-9	17	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	975	934	783	686	592	.	.	.	.	.	3,970
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	1,124	800	783	1,069	850	.	.	.	.	.	4,626
Week 3: Dec 3-9	1,279	800	783	1,442	958	.	.	.	.	.	5,262
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	1,230	1,012	970	518	451	.	.	.	.	.	4,181
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	800	1,012	1,295	393	710	.	.	.	.	.	4,210
Week 3: Dec 3-9	800	1,012	1,611	465	871	.	.	.	.	.	4,759
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	5,342	1,495	1,143	1,079	1,012	.	.	.	.	.	10,071
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	5,342	1,672	1,249	1,575	800	.	.	.	.	.	10,638
Week 3: Dec 3-9	5,342	1,982	1,386	2,060	800	.	.	.	.	.	11,570
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	410	215	178	178	10	.	.	.	.	.	991
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	556	294	233	50	10	.	.	.	.	.	1,143
Week 3: Dec 3-9	704	388	294	50	10	.	.	.	.	.	1,446
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	32	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	37	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42
Week 3: Dec 3-9	42	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	446	323	317	91	-29	.	.	.	.	.	1,148
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	485	200	300	91	39	.	.	.	.	.	1,115
Week 3: Dec 3-9	521	200	317	91	101	.	.	.	.	.	1,230
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	405	125	103	-6	-48	.	.	.	.	.	579
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	422	135	186	0	-48	.	.	.	.	.	695
Week 3: Dec 3-9	456	186	263	0	-48	.	.	.	.	.	857
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	516	487	480	198	-226	.	.	.	.	.	1,455
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	514	585	400	300	-226	.	.	.	.	.	1,573
Week 3: Dec 3-9	624	687	300	365	-226	.	.	.	.	.	1,750
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	168	120	81	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	384
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	151	30	64	10	-46	.	.	.	.	.	209
Week 3: Dec 3-9	152	30	72	10	-97	.	.	.	.	.	167
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	19	5	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	20	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 3: Dec 3-9	21	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	120	104	29	12	-32	.	.	.	.	.	233
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	196	104	-25	0	-34	.	.	.	.	.	241
Week 3: Dec 3-9	188	104	-74	0	-74	.	.	.	.	.	144
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	474	341	33	28	-26	.	.	.	.	.	850
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	594	300	-80	28	-25	.	.	.	.	.	817
Week 3: Dec 3-9	613	300	-113	28	-311	.	.	.	.	.	517
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	633	306	95	41	-364	.	.	.	.	.	711
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	708	415	200	-58	-364	.	.	.	.	.	901
Week 3: Dec 3-9	701	139	200	-153	-364	.	.	.	.	.	523
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	266	186	98	78	30	.	.	.	.	.	658
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	258	235	105	80	30	.	.	.	.	.	708
Week 3: Dec 3-9	256	229	101	100	30	.	.	.	.	.	716
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	101	10	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	118
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	108	10	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	136
Week 3: Dec 3-9	115	10	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	141

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	512	242	198	188	157	.	.	.	.	.	1,297
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	400	287	339	268	157	.	.	.	.	.	1,451
Week 3: Dec 3-9	400	325	466	346	157	.	.	.	.	.	1,694
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	289	243	188	145	102	.	.	.	.	.	967
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	218	293	219	150	102	.	.	.	.	.	982
Week 3: Dec 3-9	301	439	256	150	102	.	.	.	.	.	1,248
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	1,706	666	297	-39	-62	.	.	.	.	.	2,568
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	1,706	777	289	0	-74	.	.	.	.	.	2,698
Week 3: Dec 3-9	1,706	964	223	100	-94	.	.	.	.	.	2,899
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	222	193	154	48	10	.	.	.	.	.	627
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	100	198	114	72	10	.	.	.	.	.	494
Week 3: Dec 3-9	100	176	120	94	10	.	.	.	.	.	500
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	8	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	8	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Dec 3-9	8	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	323	262	103	2	-128	.	.	.	.	.	562
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	317	229	50	-17	-128	.	.	.	.	.	451
Week 3: Dec 3-9	337	192	100	-9	-128	.	.	.	.	.	492
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	632	349	247	199	59	.	.	.	.	.	1,486
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	632	300	238	169	98	.	.	.	.	.	1,437
Week 3: Dec 3-9	632	300	228	151	116	.	.	.	.	.	1,427
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	455	420	105	-75	-1,098	.	.	.	.	.	-193
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	300	340	89	-77	-1,098	.	.	.	.	.	-446
Week 3: Dec 3-9	400	144	81	-78	-1,098	.	.	.	.	.	-551
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	823	541	378	20	-5	.	.	.	.	.	1,757
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	583	507	100	20	-4	.	.	.	.	.	1,206
Week 3: Dec 3-9	419	386	100	20	-32	.	.	.	.	.	893
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	55	18	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	74
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	57	18	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	76
Week 3: Dec 3-9	56	18	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	75

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	53	10	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	70
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	80	10	-87	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Dec 3-9	80	10	-112	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-22
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	142	116	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	259
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	73	80	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	154
Week 3: Dec 3-9	207	80	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	288
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	24	20	-203	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-159
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	25	20	-389	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-344
Week 3: Dec 3-9	25	20	-62	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-17
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	214	16	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	235
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	207	50	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	262
Week 3: Dec 3-9	210	50	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	265
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 19-25	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Nov 26-Dec 2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Dec 3-9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

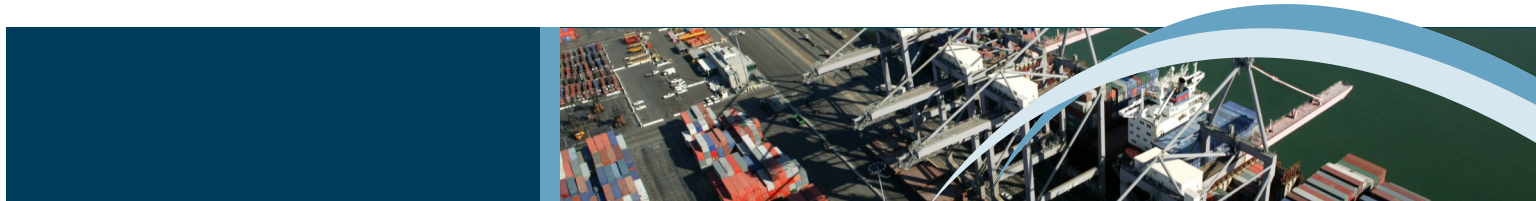
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## Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
- Data presented in the report do not imply availability of chassis.
- Container availability estimates represent availability for all export cargo, not just agricultural products.
- USDA collects these data on a voluntary basis and cannot be held responsible for the status of container availability when a reader makes inquiry with an ocean carrier. USDA relies on the participating ocean carriers to ensure the data is accurate.
- Terminology:
  - 20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.
  - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
  - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
  - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
  - 20ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 20 feet long.
  - Chassis: A wheeled frame to which a shipping container can be locked for storage or movement. (Plural chassis)



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